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1. Troop Movements along the roads and training grounds from Doeberitz kept being intensive between 10 and 20 February. On 10 February, 8 T-34 tanks moved out of the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2065) and headed for the training grounds south of Hamburger Chaussee. During the following days, tanks, 76.2-mm guns, heavy mortars and various troops with heavy machine guns were seen on the way to the training grounds. On 13 February, 4 armored personnel carriers and 4 armored scout cars of model BA-64 passed through Doeberitz toward a westerly direction, coming from the direction of the Loewen Kaserne (2063). Six T-34 tanks were en route to the training grounds from the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf (2067) on 15 and 17 February.¹ After 24 x 76.2-mm field guns from Olympisches Dorf had been loaded at Doeberitz railroad station on 5 January, only 48 x 76.2-mm guns were counted in two sheds near the pond in the barracks installation concerned on 13 February. The two other sheds, which had housed the guns had not yet been reoccupied. 2

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2. Between 19 and 27 February, the Loewen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne (2063) in Doeberitz were still occupied to capacity. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black and black-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. The 6 x 122-mm field howitzers which had been identified in an open shed along the west side of the Adler Kaserne since January 1954 were still there on 27 February. As only part of the sheds could be overlooked, it is possible that still more guns were parked there. Trucks moved out of the Loewen Kaserne on 24 February. They presumably belonged to engineer unit Popof. Trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets also belonged to the Loewen Kaserne. A column of 3 ZIS-3 field guns of 76.2-mm moved out of the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf in the morning of 27 February. Heavy noise of tanks was heard from the approach roads to the installation during the morning and evening hours. It presumably resulted from tanks which went to, or returned from, daily training in the training area. The noise of tank tracks was also daily heard from the Neue Lager (2061). 1

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3. During the morning on 24 February, a truck convoy with 12 ZIS-3 field guns of 76.2 mm moved out of Olympisches Dorf and proceeded toward west along Hamburger Chaussee. The trucks [] were occupied each by about 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 2 25X1
4. On 17 February, a column moved along the cross-country road at the southeast slope of Krampnitzer Berg (hill) via Potsdamer Chaussee toward Krampnitz-Doerberitz village, coming from the woods north of Potsdamer Chaussee. It included 5 BA-64 armored scout cars, 3 trucks with troops, about 18 trucks with troops and towing 45-mm AT guns, and including [] 4 trucks with troops and towing 76.2-mm AA guns [] 25X1
5. [] about 36 guns had passed through Falkensee from the direction of Doerberitz toward Schoenwalde on 19 February. On 21 February, heavy fire was heard from the depth of the training area south of Hamburger Chaussee throughout the day. On the morning of 24 February, a column of 12 ZIS-3 field guns of 76.2 mm, coupled to trucks, moved out of Olympisches Dorf and proceeded toward west along Hamburger Chaussee. Each truck mounted about 12 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. [] 2 25X1
6. On 20 February, Altes Lager (2061), Doerberitz was 70 percent occupied. Motor vehicles [] in traffic to and from the billeting area [] Truck [] was parked in front of the komendatura of Altes Lager. 25X1
7. On 20 February, the Adler Kaserne and Loewen Kaserne appeared to have been occupied about 75 percent. Truck [] stood at the Adler Kaserne. 25X1
8. On 20 February, the barracks installation west of Olympisches Dorf was about 75 percent occupied. [] Hasenheidenberg cantonment still seemed to have quartered only a guard detail on 22 February. Between 18 and 22 February, trucks towing 8 AT guns of about 57-mm, coming from the direction of Altes Lager, several tanks and numerous trucks occupied by troops moved to the Doerberitz training area. Firing with live ammunition by heavy machine guns and AT guns was heard. Trucks en route to the training area [] 1 25X1
9. The following loadings were observed at Doerberitz railroad station:
- 24 February: 10 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 36 flatcars were loaded with 17 x 122-mm field howitzers, 43 trucks [] and about 200 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets for shipment to Ziesar. 25X1
- 24 February: 10 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar and 31 flatcars were loaded with 22 x 120-mm mortars, 38 trucks [] and about 180 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets for shipment to Ziesar. 25X1
- 24 February: 6 converted boxcars, 3 boxcars, and 24 flatcars were loaded with 4 M-13 rocket launchers, 6 x 85-mm AT guns, 20 trucks [] and 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets for shipment to Ziesar. 25X1

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25 February: 10 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 28 flatcars were loaded with 12 x 85-mm AT guns, 25 trucks [] and about 180 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets for shipment to Ziesar. 3

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10. A railroadman told that, on 24 February, 5 trains were loaded in Rathenow and 1 train in Satzborn. 4

11. On the evening of 24 February, 16 AT guns, trucks and troops with artillery insignia were loaded at Dallgow railroad station. The 85-mm AT guns were brought to the station by three-axle Studebaker trucks.

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12. On 27 February, about 40 railroad cars were assembled for loading operations at Doeberitz freight station. A unit with 12 x 76.2-mm field guns and about 20 trucks marched to the ramp. 5

13. On 24 February, the Loewen Kaserne and Adler Kaserne in Doeberitz were about 90 percent occupied. 1

14. Paymasters identified with the following units included:

a captain with Unit Zurkin;
a senior lieutenant with Unit Medvedyev;
a major with Unit Yappa;
a lieutenant with Unit Razomov;
a senior lieutenant with Unit Berczin;
a major with Unit Boshkov;
a major with the headquarters of Unit Vasilyev

[] Paymasters with the rank of officers wore silver black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. 6

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15. On 24 February, 5 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns drove from Olympisches Dorf to Doeberitz training grounds. 2

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1. Comment. []

[] Paragraph 2 of the present report fairly definitely shows that the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt of the division is stationed in the Adler Kaserne.

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2. []

3. Comment. []

The present report indicates that they carried artillery components of the 1st Mech Div. The weapons confirm the 283d (?) Gds How Arty Regt, 294th Mort Regt [] and 41st RL Bn [] of the division as being stationed in Doeberitz up to 24 February 1954.

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4. [REDACTED] 25X1

5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] The
train presumably carried guns which were to be turned in at the equipment depot
of the Second Gds Mech Army in Dannenwalde. 25X1

6. [REDACTED] Comment. Report refers to paymasters and supply officers of the 1st Mech
Div and 2d Light Arty Brig [REDACTED] 25X1
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